

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Draft Removal Action Workplan For The New Elementary School Is Available For Review Sanger, California



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: October 11, 2006 through October 25, 2006

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The Sanger Unified School District (SUSD) plans to build a new elementary school (Site) located at the southeast corner of Church Avenue and South Indianola Avenue, Sanger, California. The proposed new school will consist of 24 classrooms, a multi-purpose room, amphitheater, an administrative building, staff offices, and playground facilities. The proposed school plan allows for approximately 600 students.

The Site consists of two adjoining parcels totaling 12 acres. Both parcels have been used for agricultural farming, including nectarines, peaches and grapes, between 1937 and 2003. One of the parcels also included a rural residence, a detached storage shed, and two 500 gallon underground storage tanks that contained gasoline. The two underground storage tanks were removed on August 7, 2003 with no detection of leakage, and the residence and storage shed were removed in April 2006.

On behalf of SUSD, BSK Associates has prepared a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) that describes the investigation, contamination found, and the proposed activities for cleanup of the site, to be completed prior to school construction.

The Draft RAW proposes removal and off-site disposal of approximately 114 cubic yards (5-7 truckloads) of soil containing pesticide chlordane at the proposed Site.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT - NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

DTSC evaluated any possible impacts of the removal action for this project, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) which states that this removal action will not have significant impacts on the environment. The draft NOE is available for public review, along with other supporting documents.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the project and to provide comments to DTSC, concerning the proposed soil removal action, within fifteen (15) days of this notice.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the Draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Mr. Jose Luevano, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826, or email: Jluevano@dtsc.ca.gov. All mail must be postmarked by 5 PM on October 25, 2006. Emailed comments must be received by DTSC no later than 5 PM on the same date.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the Draft RAW and NOE are available for review in the Information Repositories located at Sanger Unified School District, Attn: Richard Sepulveda, Director of Support Services, 1905 Seventh Street, Sanger, CA 93657, or Sanger Branch Library, Contact: Barbara Light, 1812 Seventh Street, Sanger, CA 93657 or Department of Toxic Substances Control, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Mr. Jose Luevano, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3577 or by e-mail to Jluevano@dtsc.ca.gov. For public participation activities, please contact Ms. Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3651 or by e-mail to Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov. Members of the media should contact Mr. Ron Baker, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (916) 324-3142 or by email to Rbaker@dtsc.ca.gov.